BE GENTLE WITH ME

Hornby Hobbies, better known for its R186 Signal Box and handheld video games, has made a break into the Amiga hardware market with a new super-sophisticated joypad controller.

The American-designed Turbo Touch 360 controller bears a striking resemblance to the Sega Megadrive joypad (indeed, it works on both machines) but has one rather interesting difference. Rather than the eight-way control pad resting on a rocker mechanism as usual, the Turbo Touch's pad doesn't move at all - it's a flat, touch-sensitive metal plate that responds to the slightest pressure. The idea is that the pad allows for quicker on-screen response and also eliminates 'numb thumb' - an affliction suffered by joypad users where extended playing sessions cause big horrible blisters. Interestingly enough, however, the "Higher scores or your money back" guarantee that accompanied the US model has been withdrawn for the controller's UK release.

Operated with some success (remember, we're not used to joypads) in test runs here at The One office, the Turbo Touch should be in the shops in time for Chrimble, priced around £20. Why not ask your Granny for it?

SILICA GETS ZOOLY

If you're not already the proud owner of an Amiga, we've got two things to say. First of all, what on Earth are you doing reading this? Secondly, there's never been a better time to get out there and snap one (or at least upgrade to anew one) up now that Silica Systems has a top bundle offer in store.

The new Zool pack is free with any Amiga (A500, A600, A1200, A1500 and CDTV Multimedia packs) bought from Silica's stores at the moment, and comprises over £127 of top software. You get Zool (of course), 21st Century's Pinball Dreams, Rage's Striker and some word processing thing called Transwrite to keep the sprocket-heads happy (well, as happy as they'll ever be). And... erm... that's it. So if you've plans to upgrade your Amiga, why not cadge some top software into the bargain? Come on - you know it makes sense.

Charts

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FULL-PRICE TOP 40

1 ZOOL (Gremlin)
2 LOTUS III (Gremlin)
3 ASSASSIN (Team 17)
4 SENSIBLE SOCCER (Renegade)
5 FIRE & ICE (Renegade)
6 SILLY PUTTY (System 3)
7 PROJECT-X (Team 17)
8 BEAST III (Psygnosis)
9 LEGEND OF ISHAR (Silmarils)
10 MONKEY ISLAND 2 (US Gold)
11 OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS (Psygnosis)
12 MINI OFFICE II (Europress) Eh?
13 LURE OF THE TEMPTRESS (Virgin)
14 JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER (Virgin)
15 CIVILIZATION (Microprose)
16 THE AQUATIC GAMES (Millennium)
17 WIZKID (Ocean)
18 FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX (Microprose)
19 SPACE CRUSADE (Gremlin)
20 EYE OF THE BEHOLDER 2 (US Gold)
21 TRODDLERS (Storm)
22 THE GAMES ESPANA 92 (Ocean)
23 PGA TOUR GOLF + (Electronic Arts)
24 MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE (Krisalis)
25 PRO TENNIS TOUR 2 (UbiSoft)
26 KNIGHTS OF THE SKY (Microprose)
27 DYNABLASTER (UbiSoft)
28 LOTUS 2 (Gremlin)
29 DAS BOOT (Mindscape)
30 MEGASPORTS (US Gold)
31 ASHES OF EMPIRE (Mirage)
32 STRIKER (Rage)
33 CRAZY CARS III (Titus)
34 THE MANAGER (US Gold)
35 A320 AIRBUS (Thalion)
36 GRAHAM TAYLOR'S SOCCER CHALLENGE (Krisalis)
37 ALIEN BREED (Team 17)
38 SPECIAL FORCES (Microprose)
39 PREMIERE (Core Design)
40 AIR SUPPORT (Psygnosis)

BUDGET TOP 20

1 LOTUS ESPRIT TURBO CHALLENGE (GBH)
2 PANZA KICK BOXING (Kixx)
3 DIZZY PRINCE OF THE YOLKFOLK (Codemasters)
4 TREASURE ISLAND DIZZY (Codemasters)
5 F-16 COMBAT PILOT (Action 16)
6 FALCON (Action 16)
7 SUPERCARS 2 (GBH)
8 CAPTAIN DYNAMO (Codemasters)
9 POPULOUS (Star Performers)
10 NORTH & SOUTH (Action 16)
11 JAMES POND (GBH)
12 MAGICLAND DIZZY (Codemasters)
13 BLADE WARRIOR (Mirror Image)
14 SWITCHBLADE II (GBH)
15 GOLDEN AXE (Tronix)
16 BATMAN THE MOVIE (The Hit Squad)
17 FRANKENSTEIN (Tomato)
18 TURRICAN 2 (Kixx)
19 JACK NICKLAUS GOLF (GBH)
20 FANTASY WORLD DIZZY (Codemasters)

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